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April 14, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Re: Support for Redwood Region Audubon Society conservation easement Parcel 4**

Dear Chairman Bosco, *[Signature]*

I am please to offer my support for Redwood Region Audubon Society (RRAS) to accept the Offer to Dedicate (OTD) an open space easement over fifteen acres of land adjacent to Humboldt Bay, known as Parcel 4, made by the City of Eureka.

I believe that Redwood Region Audubon Society would be an appropriate organization to hold the conservation easement over Parcel 4, as it has long been active in efforts to protect and restore the natural environment, especially around Humboldt Bay. RRAS has also expressed interest in exploring the feasibility of future wetland restoration on the property in conjunction with the City.

Accepting the OTD would limit the use of Parcel 4 lands to "natural open space, habitat, and conservation purposes," thereby protecting the tidal marsh and other wetlands onsite, and resolving the uncertainty and controversy concerning future uses of the property. Parcel 4 provides habitat for many fish and wildlife species, as well as two rare plants, Point Reyes bird's beak and Humboldt Bay owl's clover.

I encourage the Conservancy to support this important project. If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact my Eureka District office at (707) 445-7014.

Respectfully,

*[Signature: Patty Berg]*

PATTY BERG  
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Cc: Davis Tyson, City Manager, City of Eureka



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# California Native Plant Society

Jennifer Kalt, Conservation Chair  
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April 9, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for Authorization of RRAS to Accept OTD over Parcel 4

Dear Mr. Bosco,

As a representative of the North Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), I am writing this letter in support of the Manila Dunes Wetland Habitat Restoration Project. CNPS is a statewide nonprofit organization of nearly 10,000 amateurs and professionals united by an interest in the plants of California. CNPS conducts a variety of conservation efforts focused on long-term protection and preservation of native flora in its natural habitat.

I am writing this letter to express support for the authorization of Redwood Region Audubon Society to accept the Offer to Dedicate an open space easement over fifteen acres of land adjacent to Humboldt Bay, known as Parcel 4, made by the City of Eureka. Accepting the OTD would limit the use of Parcel 4 lands to "natural open space, habitat, and conservation purposes," thereby protecting the tidal marsh and other wetlands onsite, and resolving the uncertainty and controversy concerning future uses of the property. Parcel 4 provides habitat for many fish and wildlife species, as well as two rare plants, Point Reyes bird's beak and Humboldt Bay owl's clover.

The California Native Plant Society believes that Redwood Region Audubon Society is an appropriate organization to hold the conservation easement over Parcel 4, as it has long been active in efforts to protect and restore the natural environment, especially around Humboldt Bay. RRAS has also expressed interest in exploring the feasibility of future wetland restoration on the property in conjunction with the City.

We hope that the Conservancy will take this important step to protect Parcel 4 and resolve the controversy surrounding its future use.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Kalt, Conservation Chair  
North Coast Chapter, California Native Plant Society

Friday, April 11, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530



**Re: Support for Authorization of RRAS to Accept OTD over Parcel 4**

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC) is a non-profit organization that actively works to protect the long-term health of the ecosystems of northern California. EPIC is dedicated to preserving, protecting, and restoring biodiversity, native species, watersheds and ecosystems in our region, and has worked to protect Humboldt Bay in various efforts over the last decade.

As EPIC's Executive Director, I am writing to express our support to the Coastal Conservancy in authorizing Redwood Region Audubon Society to accept the City of Eureka's Offer to Dedicate an open space easement over fifteen acres of land adjacent to Humboldt Bay, known as Parcel 4. Acceptance of the offer by Redwood Region Audubon Society would limit the use of Parcel 4 lands to "natural open space, habitat, and conservation purposes," thereby protecting the tidal marsh and other wetlands onsite, and resolving the uncertainty and controversy concerning future uses of the property. Parcel 4 provides habitat for many fish and wildlife species, as well as two rare plants, Point Reyes bird's beak and Humboldt Bay owl's clover.

EPIC is confident that the Redwood Region Audubon Society is an appropriate organization to hold the conservation easement over Parcel 4, as it has long been active in efforts to protect and restore the natural environment, especially around Humboldt Bay. Redwood Region Audubon Society has also expressed interest in exploring the feasibility of future wetland restoration on the property in conjunction with the City.

We hope that the Conservancy will take this important step to protect Parcel 4 and resolve the controversy surrounding its future use.

Sincerely,

/s/  
Scott Greacen  
Executive Director



April 8, 2008

Mr Doug Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland CA 94612

RE: Support for Authorization for Redwood Region Audubon Society (RRAS) to Accept  
an Offer to Dedicate (OTD) over Parcel 4 [Eureka, CA]

Dear Mr Bosco:

As a former board member and officer in RRAS, and a current officer in the North Group, Redwood Chapter, Sierra Club, I am writing this letter to express support for the authorization of RRAS to accept the OTD an open space easement over 15 acres of land adjacent to Humboldt Bay, known as Parcel 4, made by the City of Eureka.

Accepting the OTD would limit the use of Parcel 4 to "natural open space, habitat, and conservation purposes." Such action would protect the tidal marsh and other wetlands on the site and resolve the uncertainty concerning future uses of the property. Parcel 4 provides habitat for wildlife and fish. Two rare plants – Point Reyes bird's-beak (*Corydylanthus maritimum* ssp. *palustris*) and Humboldt Bay owl's-clover (*Castilleja ambigua* ssp. *humboldtiensis*) – also grow there.

I believe that RRAS is an appropriate organization to hold the conservation easement over Parcel 4, as it has been active for nearly four decades in activities to protect and restore the natural environment, especially around Humboldt Bay. In fact, RRAS was founded in 1969 during an effort to save the rookery on Eureka's Woodley Island.

I hope that the Conservancy will take this important step to protect Parcel 4 and resolve the controversy surrounding its future use.

Sincerely yours,



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Eureka CA 95503

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California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for Authorization of RRAS to Accept OTD on Parcel 4

Dear Mr. Bosco,

As Executive Director of the Northcoast Environmental Center, I am writing this letter to express support for the authorization of Redwood Region Audubon Society to accept the Offer to Dedicate an open space easement over fifteen acres of land adjacent to Humboldt Bay, known as Parcel 4, made by the City of Eureka. The NEC's mission is to promote understanding of the relations between people and the biosphere and to conserve, protect and celebrate terrestrial, aquatic and marine ecosystems of northern California and southern Oregon.

Accepting the OTD would limit the use of Parcel 4 lands to "natural open space, habitat, and conservation purposes," thereby protecting the tidal marsh and other wetlands onsite, and resolving the uncertainty and controversy concerning future uses of the property. Parcel 4 provides habitat for many fish and wildlife species, as well as two rare plants, Point Reyes bird's beak and Humboldt Bay owl's clover.

The Northcoast Environmental Center believes that Redwood Region Audubon Society is an appropriate organization to hold the conservation easement over Parcel 4, as it has long been active in efforts to protect and restore the natural environment, especially around Humboldt Bay. RRAS has also expressed interest in exploring the feasibility of future wetland restoration on the property in conjunction with the City.

We hope that the Conservancy will take this important step to protect Parcel 4 and resolve the controversy surrounding its future use.

Sincerely,

Greg King  
Executive Director

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